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Applicants: K. HIRAYAMA, et al

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 30, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification

Amendments to the Claims

Remarks are included following the amendments.